The rise of China as a world power is evident in the country’s more forward and robust foreign policy. At every turn, the United States must consider China wherever American interests are at stake, be it Korea and Northeast Asia, Indochina and Southeast Asia, India/Pakistan and South Asia, or Afghanistan, Iraq, and Iran in the Middle East. This course describes the key factors that make up Chinese foreign policy, including its cultural tradition of dealing with foreigners, its policy-making institutions, the role of the Chinese military, domestic determinants of foreign policy, and China’s growing involvement in international regimes and issues. The course will examine China’s foreign policy strategies, from an aggressive posture to charming its neighbors to its periodic return to a perceived aggressive stance. We will also examine China's foreign policy toward specific countries, including Korea, Japan, and the United States. Further, we will examine China’s role in the global economy, including issues involving international trade, currency manipulation, global warming, and China’s role in the growing global competition for energy resources. Throughout the course we will pay attention to how China’s foreign policy relates to international relations theories and what strategies the United States might use to manage China’s growing role in international affairs.

Books for Purchase:


Materials listed with an * are available on Blackboard.

N.B. The two books by Robert Sutter concern various aspects of China's foreign policy. They may at times be repetitious, but they come at the subject from different angles. We will use both so note the title in the reading assignments.

**Responsibilities**

Students responsibilities are:

Twenty Five percent for attending each class and participating in class discussions. This means coming to class prepared, i.e. having done the reading for the day. **Attendance is noted.**
Participation will be gauged by seminar questions you are to submit where noted in the syllabus. These will be used to generate class discussion.

Twenty percent for one short paper analyzing an aspect of Chinese foreign policy or international relationship. The paper should be no longer than five (5) pages. The paper is due November 22 by noon via e-mail pes15@case.edu. Your paper topic requires a written proposal of no longer than one (1) page and should include a list of proper resources. When writing, proper citations are required, either in the body of the text with appropriate follow-up bibliography, footnotes (I prefer footnotes) or endnotes. N.B. Submit bibliographic material with the paper: Do not send it separately. A penalty of 5% per day late is enforced.

Twenty percent for a take-home midterm exam distributed October 11 and due October 18. The exam will offer four or five questions. Students will write on two of their choice in no longer than eight pages total (approximately four pages for each question). Use double space, 12-point font total in Word format. When writing, proper citations are required, either in the body of the text with appropriate follow-up bibliography, footnotes (I prefer footnotes) or endnotes. N.B. Submit bibliographic material with the paper: Do not send it separately. A penalty of 5% per day late is enforced.

Thirty Five percent for a take-home final exam distributed December 6 and due December 13 by noon via pes15@case.edu. Students will write on two questions of their choice. The final exam paper should be six (6) to eight (8) pages, double spaced, 12-point font total. When writing, proper citations are required, either in the body of the text with appropriate follow-up bibliography, footnotes (I prefer footnotes) or endnotes. N.B. Submit bibliographic material with the paper: Do not send it separately. A penalty of 5% per day late is enforced.

Students taking 470H at the graduate level will write a 20-25 page analytical paper on a foreign policy topic, focusing on what China will do given what you have learned in the course. The topic will be approved after consultation in person with the professor. A one-page written proposal is required after consultation and should include a list of resources to be used.

N.B. Incompletes for the course are not granted without prior approval from me.

N.B. Some class lectures will use PowerPoint slides. I have noticed that many students do not take lecture notes. You should do so. Accordingly, PowerPoint slides are not available.
Tentative Schedule

**August 26**  
*Introduction*

**Lecture 1  Course Introduction**

Reading Lecture 1 (sent via e-mail in advance of course start).


**August 28 & 30  Chinese Identity**

**Lecture 2  Identity**

Reading Lecture 2


Robert Sutter: *Foreign Relations of the PRC*. Chapter 1

**September 2  Labor Day No Class**
September 4       Viewing China With International Relations Theory

Lecture 3 Theory

Reading Lecture 3


*Yan Xuetong: Ancient Chinese Thought, Modern Chinese Power, 2011, Chapters 1

September 9 Quiz # 1

September 6, 9, 11 & 13       Dealing With Foreigners

Lecture 4 Tribute and Canton

Reading Lecture 4


Lecture 5       Unequal Treaties & the Fight for Sovereignty

Reading Lecture 5


Lecture 6 Chinese Nationalism

Reading Lecture 6


September 16 & 18  Determinants of Chinese Foreign Policy

Lecture 7  Institutional

Reading Lecture 7

Robert G. Sutter: *Foreign Relation of the PRC*, Chapter 5

Lecture 8  Other Actors: Military

Reading Lecture 8


September 20 & 23  Security

Lecture 9  Power

Reading Lecture 9

Lecture 10  National Security Policy

Readings Lecture 10


September 25, 27 & 30

Lecture 11  Domestic Determinants

Reading Lecture 11


Lecture 12  Same Bed Different Dreams

Reading Lecture 12


October 2 Seminar Questions

First seminar questions due by noon October 1 via pes15@case.edu.

I will collate questions to generate discussion on October 2.
**October 4 & 7  Deterrence & Coercion**

**Lecture 13  Coercive Diplomacy**

Reading Lecture 13


**Lecture 14  Deterrence**

Reading Lecture 14


**October 9, 11 & 14  China's Cold War Interests**

**Lecture 15 -- Overview**

Reading Lecture 15


**Lecture 16  China's Road to Korea**

Reading for Lecture 16

*Allen Whiting: China Crosses the Yalu*, Chapters 6, 7. & 8.

**Lecture 17  Sino-Soviet Relations**

Reading for Lecture 17


*Steven M. Goldstein: “Nationalism and Internationalism: Sino-Soviet Relations” in Robinson & Shambaugh: Chinese Foreign Policy.*


October 16 & 18  American Rapprochement

Lectures 18 & 19  Sino-American Rapprochement

Reading for Lecture 18 & 19

Robert Sutter: *Foreign Relations of the PRC*, Chapter 3

October 11  Midterm Distribution

October 18  Midterm Due by noon.

October 18  Overview: Chinese Post Cold War Interests

Lecture 20 -- Post Cold War Interests

Reading for Lecture 20

Robert Sutter: *Foreign Relations of the PRC*, Chapter 4

October 21  FALL BREAK NO CLASS

October 23, 25, 28 & 30  China in the World

Lecture 21  National Security Interests

Reading for Lecture 21

Robert Sutter: *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapter 5 (reprise)
Lectures 22 & 23 Trade & Mercantilism

Reading for Lectures 22 & 23

Robert G. Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 4.

Lecture 24 Currency & Finance

Reading for Lecture 24

Robert Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 4.

Lecture 25 Energy: China in Africa, Middle East & Latin America

Reading for Lecture 25

November 1  Seminar Questions

Second seminar questions **due by noon October 31**
via pes15@case.edu.

I will collate questions to generate discussion on October 2.

November 4 & 6  Korea, Japan & the East China Sea

**Lecture 26  Korea**

Reading for Lecture 26

* **Scott Snyder:** “The Korea Peninsula and Northeast Asian Stability” in Shambaugh & Yahuda.

**Lecture 27  Japan**

Reading for Lecture 27

**Robert G. Sutter:** *Chinese Foreign Relations*, Chapter 8
November 8, 11 & 13  China as a Regional Power

Lecture 28  China as a Regional Power

Reading for Lecture 28


Lecture 29  China & Vietnam

Reading for Lecture 29


November 15  South & Central Asia

Lecture 30  China & South/Central Asia

Reading for Lecture 30

*Edward Wong: "China Quietly Extends Footprints into Central Asia" in
Robert G. Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 10
Robert G. Sutter: Foreign Relations of the PRC, Chapter 8, pp 243-250.


**More than Minerals" in The Economist, March 21, 2013
**"Playing the Peacemaker?" in The Economist, May 11, 2013

November 18 Russia & Europe

Lecture 31 China in Europe, Europe in Asia

Reading for Lecture 31

Robert G. Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 11
Robert G. Sutter: Foreign Relations of the PRC, Chapter 8 pp 250-261 & Chapter 9, pp. 293-303

*Sebastian Bersick: “Europe in Asia” in Shambaugh & Yahuda.

November 20, 22 & 25 Taiwan, Tibet & Xinjiang

Lecture 32 China & Taiwan

Reading for Lecture 32

Robert Sutter: Chinese Foreign Relations, Chapter 7

*Robert Sutter: U.S.-Chinese Relations, Chapter 10

Lecture 33 China & Tibet & Xinjiang

Reading for Lecture 33

November 27 - 29 No Class

December 2  Sino-U.S. Relations

Lecture 34  Sino-U.S. Relations & the American Pivot

Reading for Lectures 34,

*Kevin Rudd: "Beyond the Pivot" in Foreign Affairs, March/April 2013.
*Peter Gries: China’s New Nationalism, Chapter 8.

December 4  Seminar Questions

Third seminar questions due by noon December 3 via pes15@case.edu.

I will collate questions to generate discussion on December 4.
December 6  Summation of Chinese Behavior in Foreign Policy

Lecture 35  Chinese Behavior in Foreign Policy

Reading for Lectures 34

**Gerald Segal:** "Does China Matter?" in *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 1999.

December 6  Final Exam Review & Distribution

December 13  Final Exam Due by noon via pes15@case.edu.